

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
June 2, 2010
Conference Call

Present: Juan Reyes
Jim Price Jr.
Joe Thomas
Shaun Sims, Vice President
Bryan Brost
John Hansen
Patrick Zimmerer
Dalin Winters
Jim Bennage, President
Jason Fearneyhough, Director

Absent: Bridget Williams
Frank Galey, UW Dean of the College of Ag and Natural Resources
Jim Hodder

Approval of Minutes

Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the April 12 and 13, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the May 12, 2010 Conference Call minutes. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Conference Call

Shaun made a motion to cancel the June 9, 2010 conference call. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Bennage asked what members were planning on attending the Wyoming Stock Growers Association meeting. Juan and Joe will be going, but Joe is paying for his own way. Juan will represent the board.

Shaun introduced Kathy Cooper, North Division watershed coordinator hired by WACD.

Living Legacy Plaque Replacements

Jim Price made a motion to approve spending up to \$2,000 to replace the 36 plaques at State Fair Park. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Water Quality Grants

Each of the districts requesting funding were on the phone to talk about their requests.

Jim Price made a motion to approve the Sheridan County Conservation District Water Quality Grant request in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Juan Reyes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Juan Reyes made a motion to approve the Campbell County Conservation District Water Quality Grant request in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Hansen made a motion to approve the Crook County Conservation District Water Quality Grant request in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. All but one voted in favor. Motion carried.

Juan Reyes made a motion to approve the Laramie County Conservation District Water Quality Grant request in the amount of 26,468.50 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to approve the Lower Wind River Conservation District Water Quality Grant request in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the Powell Clarks-Fork Conservation District Water Quality Grant request in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Patrick Zimmerer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dalin Winters made a motion to approve the South Big Horn Conservation District Water Quality Grant in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Shaun Sims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to approve the Star Valley Conservation District Water Quality Grant in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Patrick Zimmerer made a motion to approve the Sweetwater County Conservation District Water Quality Grant in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the Washakie County Conservation District Water Quality Grant in the amount of \$30,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Juan Reyes made a motion to approve the Sublette County Conservation District Water Quality Grant in the amount of \$20,000 as presented and ranked by WACD. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Living Legacy

James said he think the balance in the account is around \$8,100. The board would like to see a financial report from F.A.I.R. Muff will ask Dixie for a copy. **Jim Price made a motion to get James to obtain a**

full accounting of the Living Legacy account with F.A.I.R. before the next meeting July 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. All voted in favor.

Sheridan City Closure Letter

Shaun Sims made a motion to approve the letter to Sheridan County Conservation District regarding the completion of their previous water quality funding. The motion was seconded by Joe Thomas. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Northern Watershed Coordinator

Cathy updated the members on what she has been doing as the new coordinator. She said no watershed plans are currently being developed. She is helping write TMDLs and UAAs as well as doing some AFO/CAFO workshops. She is also on the Pathway to Water Quality Committee. She said the Pathway to Water Quality was an opportunity to do BMPs at State Fair Park.

Draft Rules for PAD's

Kent Drake was on hand to talk about the draft rules regarding the refunds being paid out to livestock producers for their predator fees. He said about \$67,000 has been paid out, which isn't significant, but it's more the trend of paying the fees back. He said after the rules are reviewed, he said they will go the Attorney General's Office for review. The board wanted to table the issue because they want to look into the legality of eliminating refunds altogether. Ken, Shaun and Hank will check with the Attorney General on that issue.

Game and Fish recommendations to the Industrial Siting Council

Juan talked about the BMP's recommended by the Commission.

He said he just wants the BMPs to go away. The way he sees it, there are four remedies: Politically; closure of private property for walk-in areas, etc.; through the courts; and public outcry. He also reels ranchers and farmers should have standing with the Council. Some suggested that if some access is closed to fishing and hunting because of the BMP recommendations, get the media involved so sportsmen know why they are being denied access to private property. The board wanted to make a statement by sending a letter to the editor or a press release on opposing the recommendations.

Joint Meeting With the WBC

After introductions were made, Jim Bennage talked about the idea of a mobile slaughter being a good marketing tool and value-added. He said it fits with the department as well as the council. Cindy Garretson-Weibel said six months ago she did visit a mobile slaughter. She also looked at funding through the council programs but it did not qualify. During the discussion it was said that it's hard for local restaurants to acquire local meat. The group also heard the Arapahoe are slaughtering meat and selling it through the casino in Riverton. Someone said they are able to donate the locally slaughtered animals to charities.

Horse Slaughter

Jason talked about the proposal presented to the council by Sue Wallis and the United Organization of the Horse. He said there is a need for abandoned domestic horses to go to slaughter. He said the economy does dictate the number of horses being abandoned. The department's role in any slaughter facility lies with the inspection at time of slaughter. Jason is concerned that if the department does slaughter horses in Wyoming, about the safety of his inspectors.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bennage, President

Date